



Marian Ann Autrey

March 22, 1954 - July 10, 2023

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Marian Ann Drost Autrey was born on March 22, 1954, in Gueydan, Louisiana, and passed away July 10, 2023, at Ochsner Lafayette General Hospital after a long, hard-fought illness.

Ann was the fifth of seven daughters and always knew she wanted to be a nurse. She pursued her career immediately upon completion of high school, beginning as a unit receptionist at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital and attending school while working until she achieved her degrees and became a critical care registered nurse. She worked in several departments at Lourdes but found her niche in the Intensive Care Unit. She taught/trained new nurses, and even learned and taught employees their new computer system when the hospital moved into their new facility. She loved working with heart patients and took care of many friends and their family members. She retired from hospital work in 2016.

In her spare time and in her retirement years, Ann loved photography. She studied it and enjoyed outings just to take photos. Her other hobbies included video gaming, photoshop, and especially quilting. She was an avid quilter and produced many beautiful quilts for friends and family. She was a member of Quilters Guild Acadienne, as well as Gulf States Quilting Association.

While working at Our Lady of Lourdes, Ann met and married the love of her life, Thomas Robert Autrey (“Robbie”) in June 1978. They recently celebrated 45 years of marriage. Ann and Robbie loved raising their beloved dogs, beginning with Chows, then later their Newfoundland dogs, Murphy, Henry, and now Obie. Murphy was trained and became a certified pet therapy dog. Ann and Robbie took Murphy to retirement homes and hospitals to allow patients to interact with him and enjoy his company. She entertained so many of us with stories of their pets.

She is survived by her loving husband Robbie Autrey; four sisters, Linda Morse and her partner Alois Stadler of Toronto, Canada, Carolyn Sue Pruyn and her husband, Dr. Stephen Pruyn of San Diego, California, Catherine Eileen Broussard and her husband, Relius John (“Joey”) Broussard of Castle Rock, Colorado, and Donna Drost of Lafayette; her brother-in-law, Billy Daigle; as well as numerous nephews, nieces, and great nephews and nieces.

Ann was preceded in death by her parents, Enoch and Mildred Drost; her sisters, Cynthia Marie Drost and Loretta Gail Drost Daigle.

Special thanks go out to all the dedicated doctors, nurses, and others who cared for Ann during her illness, as well as all the nurses and doctors she worked with who meant so much to her. It takes incredibly special people to become caregivers such as they. Ann was one of the incredibly special ones.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a date to be announced.

Cypress Funeral Home & Crematory, 206 W. Lafayette St., Maurice, LA 70555, (337) 740-3123, is in charge of arrangements.

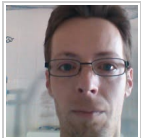
Tribute Wall



“ *My deepest sympathies to her family. She was always among the great ICU nurses who took wonderful care of her patients, and was always wonderful to work with, and she always had lots of smiles to go around for her patients. Blessings to you Ann, and to your family.*



Marilyn Newman - August 14, 2023 at 10:26 PM



“ *Ann, you've been incredible, There'll never be such a kind, nice and caring person. You've been a friend for me, we had so much in common. I'm sad that we just had a few years. But seemed like a lifetime for me. I'm sure that you're at a better place now, but we'll miss you.*

Heiko Schröder - July 15, 2023 at 10:09 AM

CB

“ Remembering how Ann lived her life, it seemed she wanted to see more of the world. Not only through her lens, but also feeling the beauty of the landscape. In the times that we’ve gotten to see Ann in our busy lives, we eventually ended up seeing her more at her bedside over the past eight months. It was as if she was her own patient, understanding everything that she was going through and knowing how difficult it is. She did everything she could to recover within the restraints of the system she was in. In the little time we had to see her in person, we got a lifetime of good. We know that her parents and sisters will be there for her. I don’t know much about dying, but I do know a lot about living before dying. Ann always told us she had a lot more to do before that happened.

We are truly sorry for Robbie and Obie’s loss.

Cathy and Joey Broussard

Cathy & Joey Broussard - July 14, 2023 at 09:07 PM

MW

“ My deepest sympathy to Ann’s family, she was an awesome Nurse who taught me so much. Ann’s patients were given the very best care , she was quiet , kind & gentle always with a caring smile!
Mayme Wynn

Mayme Wynn - July 14, 2023 at 01:42 PM

RG

“ My sincere condolences to the family. She was an amazing nurse and person. Such a Caring and loving caregiver. It was a pleasure to work beside her in ICU at OLOL
Ruth Guidry

Ruth Guidry - July 14, 2023 at 01:25 PM

DR

“ I will always have fond memories of Ann! We had fun anytime we got together for quilting...
My life was made better by hers.

Diane Redfearn - July 13, 2023 at 03:19 PM

AR

“ Ann, wow, an amazing person and nurse you were. You taught me so much and you left an incredible mark on this world by teaching so many nurses how to care for others. You will surely be missed. Rest in peace. 🙏

Andrea Reamer - July 13, 2023 at 01:33 PM

KH

“ Robbie, we are so sorry to hear about Ann. I remember when I was young how I admired her being a nurse! You are in our prayers. Love Kay and all of the James Autrey Family

Kay Autrey Hicks - July 13, 2023 at 11:11 AM

TP

“ Dear Ann,
A special nurse and friend you were. The best CV nurse at Lourdes who taught many. May God shelter and comfort you now as you lay to rest. You have touched many in your life and cultivated many young nurses who are great today in serving those most in need. Prayers for you Robbie at this difficult time and the rest of the family. Tammy Boutte Prejean

Tammy Prejean - July 12, 2023 at 10:30 PM

GL

“ *My sincere condolences on the loss of Ann. She will be remembered in my prayers henceforth.*

Gerry Leblanc - July 12, 2023 at 05:29 PM

CA

My condolences to the whole family. May she rest in piece. Will be missed.

Cindy Allen - July 12, 2023 at 05:35 PM

MC

My deepest condolences to Ann's family. I will keep you all in prayer.

Maria Chavez - July 12, 2023 at 05:51 PM

CL

Ann was a remarkable woman. She was blessed to be a CV Nurse for Lourdes, she trained many nurses in a career. She was my neighbor and helped whenever she could. She saw about my dad when he was having a stroke and literally saved his life. Not only that, but she was extremely talented with her hands and literally made Roseries for all my brothers and sisters... and was happy to do it !!! Being a great Nurse and extremely talanted with her hands, She was also a great photographer, and took the photos at my wife's and mine 25th Anniversary. Many people asked what Studio I used when they saw the pictures. She was a great seamstress, almost a forgotton art in this day and age. She loved her quilting, but would generously do sewing work for us out of the goodness of her heart. She will sorely be misses by all who truly knew her and was touched by her. The world has lost a great, kind person.

Charles Larriviere - July 13, 2023 at 05:54 PM